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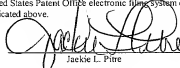
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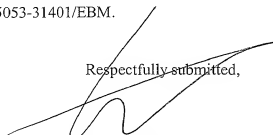
Sir:

Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance and/or Applicant believes that the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance is incomplete.

Applicant respectfully submits that the cited art does not teach or suggest the combinations of features set forth in the Applicant's claims. By way of nonlimiting example, Applicant submits the submitted references at least do not appear to teach or suggest the feature of: defining by the user one or more key masks for the key definition, wherein defining by the user the one or more key masks comprises the user selecting a mask field value from a plurality of mask field values for each of one or more mask fields in each of the one or more key masks, and wherein the plurality of mask field values comprises an equal mask field value and a wildcard mask field value, as recited in claim 79. Applicant notes that the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance makes reference to "claim 76". Claim 76 has been cancelled, however. Applicant believes that the Examiner's may have intended to refer to claim 79 instead of claim 76.

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